action to implement the committee's report and not to allow it to gather dust?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. According to the information provided by IOA, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has appointed one man Medical Commission under Dr. Manmohan Singh, Member, Medical Commission, Olympic Council of Asia to look into the matter. The Commission was asked to submit its findings by 31st July, 2001.

(d) The Government has not yet received any Report of the Committee from the Indian Olympic Association.

Accountability of Sports Federations towards aid provided

2264. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for accountability of the National federations getting aid in sports;

(b) the reforms suggested in this regard by the Ministry; and

(c) the reaction of the sports federations on the suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The Government provides financial assistance to recognized National Sports Federations as per the provisions contained in the "Guidelines for Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs)". To be eligible for assistance, the NSFs are required to follow proper, democratic and healthy management practices which provide for greater accountability and transparency at all levels, have proper accounting procedures at all levels and produce annual financial statements. Moreover, NSFs are also required to submit audited statements of accounts related to the event for which financial assistance is provided along-with performance report.

For considering the proposals for recognition there are some laid down criteria such as the current legal status of the organization, recognition by International Federation and Indian Olympic

Association (IOA), its all India spread, internal financial and management practices and standards, electoral practices etc. The Guidelines also provide for suspension and de-recognition of NSFs in the event of serious irregularities.

Apart from above, the Government is also considering formulation of a Model Code of Conduct for NSFs. The suggestions of NSFs will also be invited as and when the Model Code of Conduct is finalized.

National Sports Development Fund

2265. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total resources mobilised by the National Sports Development Fund since its inception till 31st March, 2001;

(b) what was the share of PSUs and the private corporate sector in mobilisation of funds; and

(c) how these funds are to be utilised and which sports are likely to be covered for promotion and development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) An amount of Rs. 473.20 lakh has been mobilized in the National Sports Development Fund since its inception till 31st March, 2001. This includes initial Government contribution of Rs. 200 lakhs as seed money and subsequent Government contributions on matching share basis.

(b) Out of total contributions of Rs. 136.60 lakhs received from other sources till 31st March, 2001, Rs. 15.60 lakhs have been received from Public Sector. Further, the contribution of Rs. 77.40 lakhs made by Shri Kapil Dev in 1994 for the Welfare of Arjuna Awardees together with interest, totaling to Rs. 121 lakhs, has been transferred to NSDF with his consent.

(c) The accumulations of the fund are to be utilized for promotion of sports and games, in general and for specific sports disciplines and individual sports persons, in particular for achieving excellence in the field of sports and games at National and International level. The